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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: ACQUISITION OF BLANDIN PAPER BY
BRITISH COLUMBIA PRODUCTS

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1. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT
"ON AUGUST 16, THE ANTITRUST DIVISION FILED A SUIT IN US
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA CHALLENGING
THE ACQUISITION OF BLANDIN PAPER COMPANY (BLANDIN), A
MINNESOTA CORPORATION, BY BRITISH COLUMBIA FOREST PRODUCTS,
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LTD. (BCFP), A CANADIAN CORPORATION, BLANDIN'S CANADIAN
SUBSIDIARY, MANICAN PULPWOOD LTD., HAS ALSO BECOME THE
PROPERTY OF BCFP AS A PART OF THIS ACQUISITION.

2. "MEAD CORPORATION (MEAD) OF OHIO AND NORANDA MINES, LTD.
(NORANDA), A CANADIAN CORPORATION, EACH HAVE A 28.5
PERCENT INTEREST IN BCFP. BOTH OF THESE COMPANIES MANU-

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FACTURE COATED GROUNDWOOD PAPER, AS DOES BLANDIN. SINCE BLANDIN, MEAD AND NORANDA ARE ALL LARGE PRODUCERS, AS WELL AS COMPETITORS IN THE SALE OF COATED GROUNDWOOD PAPER, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THE ACQUISITION VIOLATES SECTION 7 OF THE CLAYTON ACT."

3. PURSUANT TO THE MITCHELL-BASFORD AGREEMENT, CANADA'S MINISTER OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS WAS NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE ABOUT AUGUST 8 THAT A SUIT IN THIS MATTER WAS LIKELY. DOJ WAS ADVISED THEN THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WAS UNLIKELY TO HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THIS MATTER.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY OFFICIALLY GOC OF THIS MATTER ACCORDING TO THE 1967 OECD RECOMMENDATION ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICE ACTIONS TAKEN INVOLVING INTERESTS OF OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES. CHRISTOPHER

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